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App. No. 09/715,249

REMARKS

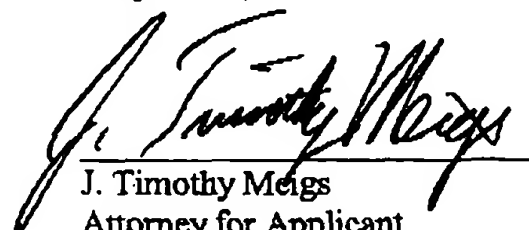
Applicant's undersigned representative would like to express his appreciation for Examiner Marvich's helpfulness on the phone and for faxing a copy of the Advisory Action originally mailed on 9/4/03. It is noted that the Advisory Action was mailed to Applicant's old address and was evidently not forwarded to the undersigned attorney. A form changing the correspondence address is included herewith.

Claims 20, 23-27, 29, and 36-72 are pending. Claims 20, 23-26, 36-38, and 42-72 have been allowed. Claims 27 and 29 have been rejected. Claims 39-41 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Claim 27 has now been amended to incorporate the subject matter previously recited in objected-to claim 39, which has now been cancelled. Thus, claim 27 is now effectively claim 39 rewritten in independent form. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 27 should therefore be in condition for allowance. Claims 40 and 41 have been amended so that they depend directly from claim 27, instead of now-cancelled claim 39. Because claims 29, 40, and 41 depend from amended claim 27, Applicant respectfully submits that they should also be in condition for allowance.

A Notice of Appeal is submitted herewith.

In view of the amendments, it is submitted that this application is now ready for allowance. Early notice to this effect is solicited. If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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